

Hello Mary Ann,

I would like to make a few comments regarding the wetlands rules changes, though I am sure you have probably already heard most of what I have to say. Being in the forest industry I think the rules should include a separate section for forest management. The impacts of forest management are temporary unlike most of the other industries these rules regulate, so I believe that the new rules should take that into consideration. This would include more simplified language specific to wetland impacts associated with forest management that people unfamiliar with the rules can understand, i.e. Landowners. Bottom line is that it is much easier to comply with rules that are simple to understand. The corduroy rule seems arbitrary to me, what research or science was conducted to decide the maximum distance of 200 feet? Would 210 feet be that much more of an impact? And is corduroy fill, or is it organic material that will break down and decompose in a relatively short period of time? Does this now mean significant acreage is no off limits to management because corduroy is needed to access these areas? Overall there is a lack of timeline in the new rules, why is approval from NHDES on the website open ended, there should be X amount of time for review.

Thank you for taking the time to read my comments, please confirm that you received this email.
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